

ARLINGTON TREE COMMITTEE

Meeting Agenda – Weds., July 12, 2017, 7:30PM, Selectmen's Hearing Rm, Town Hall (Eliza, Eric, Ed, Mary Ellen, Susan in attendance, Tim (Tree Warden), and resident, Steve

1. Approve June meeting minutes – approved minutes

2. DPW Tree Department Update (Tim)

- Tree watering – A note will go out to Town (email Joan , Facebook (Eliza) and Google Group (Eliza) notices. Water tower new tree died (Elm). Orvis Rd island cherry tree does not look good. Island on Forest street, Lake street pin oak tree doesn't look good, Jap maple doesn't look good.
- Tree Preservation Bylaw interactions – 40 Webcowat Rd, public shade tree (18" ash tree) – Lombardi builder (James Bradly) didn't show up, so decision, and will go to Selectman. 2 setback trees were asked to be removed, builder followed the bylaw and will be paying and take down the two mature trees. (Susan will look into seeing if there is a flyer for handout State vs Private trees 'what you can do'). 48 George Street, 3 mature maples
- Tree hearing(s) 40 Webcowet Road. July 24th 10 am, 21 Old Colony Road (land use abutters get notice for some wetland stuff, maybe ATC could think about that?). 6 shade trees going to be taken down at Gibbs remodel, public property trees therefore will be under shade tree rules of fines. 6 new trees going up.
- Tree Inventory update; most recent meeting with Adam K, Adam C, John E. Ellery finished bike path trail (10 – 15 feet on the sides of the path =>10"), now schools are being done. Town Hall and Library will be done. Cemetery and Witmill park if there is time. All public roads finished – except for some for resident volunteers. Rob is filling in the database where there are holes. Some queries being done: private/public; Rob, Tim, Adam will be starting on mgmt plan on how to use the new data: 1. Identify the dead/poor condition trees and set them for removal. Once they are removed, they become 'planting pit' spots. 2. Hazardous trees will be looked at for pruning to improve vigor. 3. Web Q/A cross checking by interns. 4. Look at inventory from not 'plow routes' view but 'trash routes' which are broader for seeing where planting needs to happen. Rob around through second week of August. (Master Plan: Implimentation, Facilities, Service, and Infrastructure.)

3. Tree Inventory

- A. Planning for use of data after Interns (data maint., watering, etc)
- B. Volunteer /resident involvement in inventory – (Tim will let ATC know the status of streets left for resident voluteers to map by 7/15).
- C. Thank you event for interns and volunteers after completion - a public information session to announce the Inventory is done!, ATC host, residents involvement in the inventory, a way to get the Town excited about trees. A tree committee meeting (Sept/Oct/Nov) tree committee meeting (1. Present to Town Manager 2. Bring all those that worked on it together 2.
- D. Presentation to Selectmen by ATC to show inventory

4. Publicity

- Advocate article (Inventory and interns (try to develop a piece something for after the inventory) watering, Bylaw (Susan))
- Facebook – Eliza will post for watering
- Googlegroups – MEA will post for watering
- Take some photos of the inventory for use in publicity

5. New Business

- Follow up with prospective new members (Steve Moore , second meeting, will be submitting a letter to the ATC for membership vote)
- Tshirts and business cards (-
- Correspondence – 40 Webcowet Road
- Fall tree planting (Town requests are still coming in (50 – 60 already in).
- Bus hit honey locust tree (will be replaced), E Arlington post office new tree hit – will be replaced.
- DOT on Mass Avenue – some of the dogwoods didn't leaf out, some cherry trees didn't leaf out (~ 6 trees). Warden had a conference call with DOT to follow up with watering, and replacing the dead trees.
- Redoing zoning bylaw – 7 – 9pm Senior Center (setbacks effected? Ed will attend).
- Arlilngton public art group is 'knit balming' trees Sept 23rd – Knitting bragade. (Eliza will be participating, Facebook post, website post).

Next meeting: Committee meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month, August 9